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THE EARLY HISTORY OF MELVIN WHITE.

(By U. L. Taylor)

CHAPTER V.

After Melvin's escape from the cave there was nothing more of a startling nature took place in his history until this difficulty with Logan Bomar. Logan in some manner became indebted to Melvin in the sum of sixty cents, the debt was due and unpaid, and there was no offset against the same. Melvin, like most boys in the country, was short of funds, and he appealed to Logan to pay him what he was owing, Logan turned a deaf ear, and an empty pocket to all Melvin's intreaties until forbearance ceased to be a virtue and he resolved to have that money or blood. He would collect that money or die in attempt. Accordingly, he armed himself with a shotgun, a murderous knife, a club, and a pocket full of rocks, and sailed forth on his murderous errand.

Logan lived in his immediate neighborhood, and the journey was not a long one. Melvin went unattended by anybody, except his faithful "arms." He found several colored men at Logan's house, the brethren and friends that had gathered in his defense. Melvin walked up in front of the colored domicile and in thundering tones demanded the surrender of the whole outfit, and especially the sixty cents. Logan replied that he intended to pay him the sixty cents at the earliest opportunity, but at that time he was without the means to do so, but if Melvin would give him a little time he would pay the full amount with interest. Melvin replied that he had heard that same tale so often that it was worn threadbare, and he would listen to it no longer.

Melvin began to brandish his arms, and the colored party retreated into the house and barred the door. Melvin got a glimpse of Logan through the window and opened a volley with his shotgun, and set the bed on fire, and raised a terrible consternation among the female portion of the family, and by the use of much water the flames were subdued, and the bed saved. Logue sent his brother, Dud, out with a flag of truce to confer with Melvin, but Melvin misjudging the nature of his errand clubbed him and felled him to the ground.

Melvin then withdrew his forces and everything became quiet. When he in a short time returned, aunt Winnie, Logan's mother came to the door and paid the sixty cents, and everything became quiet. Melvin went home happy in the possession of his money, but the happiness did not long continue. Logue swore out a warrant against Melvin, charging him with shooting with intent to kill, assault and battery, trespass, breach of the peace, misdemeanor and all the crimes known to the catalog, and he was promptly arrested and placed under bond to appear before Esquire of the Harmony precinct for trial. When the court convened Melvin was on hand, the County Attorney was there to prosecute. The defendant took charge of his own case. He plead not guilty and the trial began. The Commonwealth had two witnesses, Hawk Morrison and Dud Bomar. The Court after briefly referring to the statutes, demanded of the prisoner his name. Melvin White your honor. Well Mr. Melvin White, you have been fotch before me charged with all the crimes they could bring agin you, now have you anything to say why the judgment of this court should not be pronounced

agin you. Melvin told him to proceed with the trial. Mr. Hawk Morrison was sworn and deposed as follows: He was at Logue's on the morning of the difficulty, and Melvin came trying to collect sixty cents that he said Logue owed him. He had a gun, a big knife, a club and a rock in each coat pocket. Logue and us all run into the house, shut the door and fastened it to keep Melvin from getting in, and Melvin, he seed Logue through the window and shot at him, and sot the bed afire, and we uns was skered and put the bed out. Melvin then went away, and in a little bit he cum back. What did he go away for? asked the Attorney; "I lowed he went after weepsens." Then Logue's mother lowed she'd pay Melvin, and then Melvin, he seemed satisfied.

Dud Bomar was then examined, Mr. Bomar, said the lawyer, tell this court what you know about this fight. "Well, there wernt any fight, Melvin is a very clever feller, and was just mad." Did not Melvin shoot at your brother, Logue? "Yes, but Melvin was just mad, Melvin did'nt mean any harm." Did he set the bed on fire? "Yes, but Melvin did not aim to do that, he shot at Logue and he missed Logue and hit the bed, did'nt burn the bed much, we all put it out." Did you get knocked down? "Yes, but thats very common in a fight, Melvin was just mad, Melvin's a very clever feller. Aunt Winnie, thats Logue's mamma, she lowed she'd pay the sixty cents, and she said to Melvin, said she' Dont tell, said the Attorney, what somebody else said, tell what you saw. Thats what I'm comin to, Aunt Winnie says to Melvin, says she; this court can't hear what aunt Winnie said, thundered his honor. The witness raised his voice several degrees, and began, Aunt Winnie says to Melvin; Silence, shut your mouth, this court are got as good ears as any man, but they aint for to hear no old mans gobblement thout its under oath. But Squire I thought, shut your mouth, a witness has no right to think in court. Now sir, go on with your statement, and dont go circumlocutin all over God Almighty's earth, or this court will find a way to subtract the truth from you.

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COLUMBIA'S PIKES

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We are informed, through a reliable source, that Columbia has "backed square down" on her proposition to build her share of the pike to Greensburg. Our informant stated that Greensburg has raised her share of the money and put it up to Columbia to do likewise when they (Columbia) refused to do anything of the kind. Greensburg then told Columbia if Adair county would build five miles of the pike Green county would build the remaining portion. Columbia gently informed them they could do nothing of the kind and as a last resort Greensburg said they would build the entire line themselves as they were determined to have the pike. This is the same Columbia that "proposed" to join Cumberland county in a pike. Burkesville sent a committee to investigate their "proposition" and it required about thirty minutes of said committees time to discover that Columbia was more than willing to "talk" about pikes if some one else would build them, but when the time came to talk about the finances required for said undertaking Columbia was not there. It seems to us that Bro. Harris of The News and Bro. Stapp of The Spectator have not been treated right in the matter, as they were given to understand that Columbia wanted pikes and her citizens were ready to help build them, and with this belief they published statements which led to the matter being taken up by other towns that compelled Columbia to show her hand.

The News is correct in the above statement. Not only has Columbia "flunked" but the Adair Fiscal Court as well. This body has decided that Adair's roads are good enough, and confidentially, we expect they will build a wall around the county at the next term.

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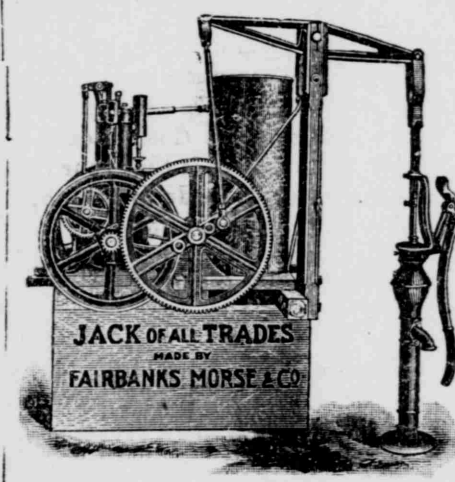
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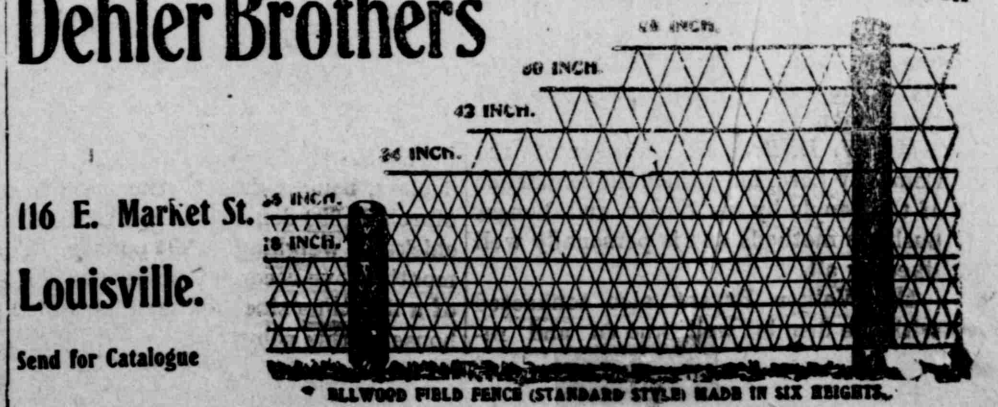
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